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Applicant's election without traverse of species I of Group I in the reply filed on 10/20/05 is acknowledged. Claims 5, 8, 13, 15, 22 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species and invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 10/20/05.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-12, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al (US-4709873). The guide member reads on at least the element 16 and leader block combination and the securing mechanism reads at least on element 106 or 106A. All elements being are coupled together. The receiving portion of claim 3 reads on a portion of the rear circumference of element 17. The tab of claim 12 reads on at least element 110.

Applicant's arguments filed 2/6/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

It appears that applicant has misread the rejection which states that "The guide member reads on at least the element 16 and leader block combination..." (underlined added for emphasis). The leader block (see at least col. 4, line 44) is not shown but is old and well known (see at least the patents to Rinkleib et al, Richard et al, and Crama,

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which are cited in Smith et al) as a device for filling up the opening/slot 11 of the reel to form a substantially continuous winding surface for the tape.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6952. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Matecki, can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone

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John Q. Nguyen Primary Examiner Art Unit 3654